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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Please find enclosed the paperwork for Response to Office Action and Amendments to Claims mailed November 10, 2005, wherein the use of the status identifier "twice amended" was improper. The improper claim identifiers have been changed from "twice amended" to "previously presented" to bring them into compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

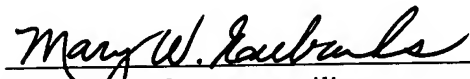
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Dear Examiner Robinson:

This is in response to the official action dated 11 August, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected Claims 2-6 and 8-17 based on: (1) wording technicalities in the claims; (2) nonstatutory double patenting; (3) written description (35 USC § 113); (4) enablement (35 USC § 113), and claim rejections (35 USC § 102).

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-17 are objected to because of informalities, and claims 4-6 and 9-17 as being in improper form because of a multiple dependent claim. The claims have been amended to correct the informalities in accordance with the Examiner's instructions, and to overcome the multiple dependent claims objections in accordance with the MPEP section 608.01(n) instructions. Accordingly, to overcome the objections please make the following amendments to the claims 3-6 and 8-17 and please add new claims 18, 19, 20 and 21 as set forth below.

In the Claims:

I claim: